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Schauer Helps Bring 127 New Jobs To Jackson

LANSING- State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Jackson and Calhoun Counties) announced today the second job creation grant in just 2 days that will help create new jobs and stimulate economic growth for his district. Commonwealth Associates, an engineering firm in Jackson that designs energy generation systems and energy system integration products for alternative energy systems, will be the recipient of a job development grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

“I’m excited by the possibilities this grant brings to our district,” Sen. Schauer said. “Keeping highly skilled jobs like those this grant helps create is vital to maintaining economic growth. We want Michigan to be a leader in technology fields. This grant is one step toward that goal,” said Schauer.

Commonwealth was considering locating these new jobs in its Atlanta, Georgia plant. The new funding has encouraged Commonwealth to keep these new jobs in Jackson. The grant will enable the firm to hire 50 new highly-skilled employees, and over 75 jobs are expected to result indirectly, totally over 125 new jobs over the course of 10 years. “Jackson needs jobs, and it’s even better that these are interesting, challenging jobs that will allow the new employees to work at their full potential,” stated Schauer. Commonwealth will spend approximately \$2.8 million to add 12,000 square feet to its existing facility in Jackson.

The MEDC grant will take the form of a \$ 947,000 High Technology Single Business Tax Credit. “These MEGA grants are a great way to guide economic development. I appreciate the chance I’ve had to partner with MEDC on this project, and I look forward to future opportunities to work with the organization.”

MEDC announced other grants today as well. For more information, please visit www.michigan.org.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.